

Tabor City Colored Man Is Prolific Enterprise

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Since November 12, 1918, nineteen children have been born to a colored family in the Tabor City section. Henry Dewitt, in his middle forties, is father of the prolific family. His wife is a few months younger than he.

The stork has been most kind to the Dewitt family, in presenting them with nearly a score of children the sexes have been almost equally divided in the offspring—eleven girls and eight boys. The most recent arrival, a boy, has the name "NINETEEN," tacked upon his bassinette.

Of the nineteen children four died in infancy while 15 are living. Three of number are married with an even dozen jingling the pans about the Dewitt household.

Dewitt farms out in the George Prince settlement and is carrying on right well, it is said.

Just how large the family may climb remains to be seen. However "Papa Dewitt" is said to have already selected two additional names for future offspring. These names are reported as "Grand Finale" for the twentieth child and "No More" for the 21st. In due course of time Henry may be called upon to hustle around and dig up a string of new names. Who can tell?

DICTATORS DEATHS BRING A CLOSE SHAVE

SALVADOR, State of Bahia—A.P.—Alvaro Moreira de Oliveira says he lost a good friend when Mussolini and Hitler died—his beard.

Oliveira, a hospital attendant whose anger rose as he saw the victims of Nazi ship torpedoings off the Brazilian coast in the dark days of 1942, wanted to "protest against the barbarism of the Nazis" but was too old to fight.

The beard was the result. Now that the deaths of the two dictators have been announced Oliveira has shaved again.

Threads that run lengthwise in a fabric are invariably made of higher grade raw material than that used for transverse threads.

Farmers Reduce Corn Acreage

Is Five Percent Less Than That Harvested Last Year, State Agriculture Dept. Says

RALEIGH—The State Agriculture Department reports that the acreage of corn for harvest this year in North Carolina, now estimated at 2,225,000 acres, is five per cent less than that harvested last year.

General rains throughout most of Eastern North Carolina in late June materially improved corn prospects and a good yield is now indicated for that region, said the release.

Soil moisture was deficient in the Piedmont during the past month and the yield outlook on July 1 was below average. Since

the first of the month, however, rains have been general and the crop outlook has considerably improved. For the State, a yield of 21 bushels was forecast by the department's Crop Reporting Service. This estimate was based on July 1 conditions. Last year's yield was 22 bushels to the acre.

This season's wheat crop of 6,412,000 acres was about 2,500,000 bushels less than last year's record production. This decrease was attributed by the department to a drop of 18 per cent in the acreage harvested and a decline of two bushels in the yield per acre. The report said that weather conditions were "none too favorable" during the spring and wheat heads failed to develop satisfactorily.

The increase of seven per cent over last year in the acreage of oats more than offset the slight decrease in yield and a record crop of 8,568,000 bushels is now in prospect.

LOSES WEED BARN

Edward Ward, resident of the Mollie section, reports the loss of a tobacco barn by fire a few days ago.

USED FAT IS FARMHAND



Used cooking fat, saved by conscientious farm wives, helps make synthetic rubber raincoats farmers need on bad days. An additional 100,000,000 pounds of used cooking fat is needed this year for civilian and war essentials.

SGT. NOBLES WOUNDED

CHADBOURN, July 25.—Garriss Nobles, well known local citizen, was recently notified that his son, Sgt. Julius C. Nobles, is reported convalescing in the 75th Station Hospital at Luzon from wounds he received in action on Okinawa on June 21. Sgt. Nobles was wounded in his left thigh, the information disclosed. He has two brothers, Walter and Wallace Nobles, at Chadbourn.

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